## **REMARKS**

The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application, in view of the foregoing amendment, which includes changes to previously presented claims 27, 37 and 56, as follows:

Claim 27 is amended to incorporate subject matter of claim 32 (now cancelled), in particular by adding the phrase "inside a chamber of the heart" to further define the phrase "heart tissue" already present in the claim.

Claim 37 is amended to refer to "said" chamber of the heart.

Claim 56 is amended to add the phrase "inside said chamber of the heart" to further define the phrase "endocardial tissue" already present in the claim.

This amendment cancels claim 32. Now, with respect to matters raised in the present action:

Claim 27 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,296,100 (Franco.).

Claim 27 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 32, now cancelled, for equivalency to claim 32 written in independent form. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 27 is in condition for allowance.

In summary, it is submitted that claim 27 defines subject matter patentable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests an early and favorable action allowing claim 27, along with the remaining claims pending and previously allowed.

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## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.8, I hereby certify that this Amendment in Application Serial No. 10/014,445 is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service by first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date of deposit indicated below.

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